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- 1. CREDITANSTALT BANKVEREIN (CA), AUSTRIA'S LARGEST BANKING CONCERN, WILL BE FIRST FOREIGN BANK WITH REPRESENTATION IN HUNGARY ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN APRIL 3 ISSUE OF VIENNESE NEWSPAPER DIE PRESSE. PRESS ITEM REPORTED THAT OFFICIAL PERMISSION ALREADY GRANTED BY HUNGARIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE. PURPOSE OF REPRESENTATION GIVEN AS PROMOTION OF BILATERAL TRADE AND PROVISION OF BANKING ADVICE. ARTICLE NOTED THAT HUNGARIAN USERS OF CA SERVICES WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO WESTERN CORRESPONDENT BANKS OF CA.
- 2. BEGIN LOU: HUNGARIANS ALREADY HAVE BANK BRANCH IN VIENNA AND REFTEL A REPORTED MAJOR LOAN (50 MILLION DOLLARS) BY CA TO HUNGARIANS. RECENTLY FORMER UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEC OF TREAS FREDERICK DEMING (NOW PRES OF INDEPENDENT BANCORPORATION OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN) TOLD AMBASSADOR

THAT HUNGARIAN NATL BANK PRES LASZLO HAD STATED CA WOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION HERE.

- 3. WE SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT AS LOGICAL EXTENSION OF BANKING RELATIONS WITH WEST. NEUTRALIST AUSTRIA'S HISTORICAL, COMMERCIAL, AND GEOGRAPHIC TIES TO HUNGARY, COMBINED WITH EXISTING BANKING TIES (HUNGARIAN BANK OFFICE IN HUNGARY AND THE RECENT CA LOAN) MAKE AUSTRIAN CA LOGICAL CHOICE AS FIRST WESTERN BANK HERE. END LOU.
- 4. WE WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFO WHEN AVIALABLE HERE, AND WOULD WELCOME FURTHER INFO ON NATURE OF "REPRESENTATION" THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN VIENNA. PEDERSEN

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